

**1. Incident Name:**

ORB Exploration Frog Lake Bayou Sorrel  
Pipeline Rupture

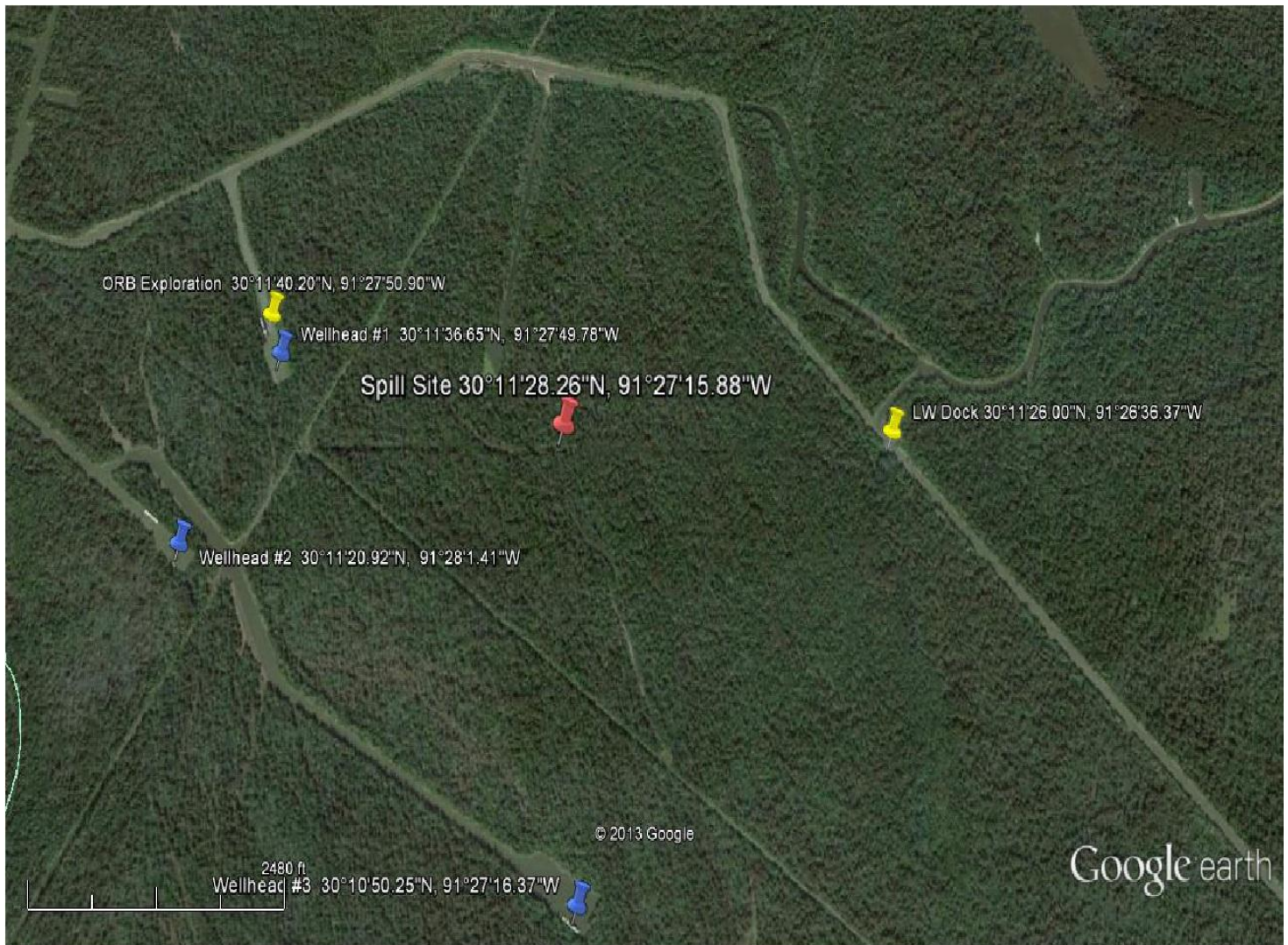
**2. Prepared by:** MSU Baton Rouge

Date: 25-Feb-13

Time: 1:47 PM

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**3. Map/Sketch:** (include sketch, showing the total area of operations, the incident site/area, over flight results, trajectories, impacted shorelines, or other graphics depicting situational and response status)

**4. Current Situation:**

Summary of events starting 03JAN13.

On 03JAN13, there was a discharge of an unknown amount of crude oil from a ruptured pipeline at the Frog Lake Bayou Sorrel facility owned by ORB Exploration.

On 09JAN13, MSU Baton Rouge received NRC report # 1035166 reporting "a spill of materials coming from a ruptured hose. It is unknown who owns the hose." The location given for the discharge report was 30 10'51" N, 091 27'16"W. Members from MSU Baton Rouge reasoned that the materials might be coming from the ORB Exploration facility in the area and called the QI. He indicated that the pipeline from CF-1 production facility to the low water loading dock had ruptured, discharging material into the marsh area. The LDEQ

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and State police had been notified. The leak had been secured and clean-up operations were being conducted by AMPOL. MST2 Foret and MST2 Nichols, along with the crew of the 29' response boat, launched from MSU Baton Rouge to respond to the incident. Upon arrival, MSU personnel observed pooled oil in a woodland marsh environment. No clean up operations were being conducted because of inclement weather. Because of rainfall in the area, the discharge was spreading. Approximately 2 acres of the woodland marsh was already oiled.

On 11JAN13, MST3 Johnson and MST3 Rafferty deployed to the discharge site to resurvey the clean-up operation. The crude oil discharged had expanded from the initial pocket around the pipe rupture to three pockets of oil within the 2 acre area. Due to the rainfall, the clean-up crews were operating in knee to waist high water; absorbent pads were used to collect the oil. Two 250-gallon oil totes were on-scene, one being full and the other a quarter full. Estimated oily-water collected by the drum skimmers into the totes was 300-gallons; the drum skimmers were not operational during the Coast Guard visit. Administrative Order 13-001 was issued to ORB Exploration ceasing all transfer operations at the facility until the following requirements were met: the repair to the ruptured pipeline was tested and approved by a third-party, the production barge was fully decontaminated to Coast Guard satisfaction, and changes to the operation manual to have the pipeline from the production barge to the low water load out dock was cleared after each transfer.

On 12JAN13, MSTC Watters and MST2 Nichols deployed to the discharge site. It was observed on-scene that much of the oil remained in the affected area, and the water level had risen since 09JAN13. Rain continued to hinder cleanup operations, expanding the spill perimeter.

On 14JAN13, ORB Exploration had submitted a transfer request to MSU Baton Rouge to offload the remaining product in their CF-1 production tanks. MST1 Bailey and MST3 Pelletier deployed to facility to conduct a transfer monitor. After witnessing the transfer monitor between ORB Exploration and the barge SMI 265 of 1,000 barrels, MST1 Bailey and MST3 Pelletier deployed to the discharge site to survey the progress of the clean-up operation. The water had raised significantly since 12JAN13 due to heavy rainfall. AMPOL was conducting their clean-up operations with absorbent pads and skimmers but recovery operations were slowed due to the high water level in that area. Most pumps and generators had to be kept floating or on raised platforms to stay above the waterline. A NOFI was issued to ORB Exploration.

On 15-16JAN13, AMPOL submitted an in-situ burn request to MSU Baton Rouge. MSU Baton Rouge reached out to other agencies including NOAA SSC, LADEQ and LOSCO to obtain input for RRT approval. Approximately 25 barrels of crude oil had been reported recovered.

On 17JAN13 USCG, LOSCO and LAFLW met with AMPOL to discuss the in-situ burn request and conduct site visit of spill site. It was reported approximately 1750 gallons of crude oil and 25 yards of oily debris had been recovered, and observations on scene determined that there is at least double that amount remaining on the spill site. It was determined that if the in-situ burn request is not approved that additional resources would need to be deployed to assist with the cleanup. AMPOL was informed to develop an IAP for the incident and that an overflight may be requested in the near future. At approximately 1230, all requested information from AMPOL concerning in-situ burn had been received; awaiting development of an IAP, site safety plan, and region 6 in-situ burn checklist submitted to RRT.

<b>5. Initial Response Objectives, Current Actions, Planned Actions</b>	
<b>A</b>	<b>Overall Incident Priorities:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety of human life</li> <li>2. Stabilizing the situation to preclude the event from worsening</li> <li>3. Use all necessary containment and removal tactics in a coordinated manner to ensure at timely, effective response that minimizes adverse impact to the environment</li> <li>4. Address all parts of the national response strategy concurrently, but safety and stabilization are given the highest priorities</li> </ol>
<b>B</b>	<b>Overall Incident Objectives:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety of contractors and other response personnel.</li> <li>2. Full containment around discharge location.</li> <li>3. Create Incident Action Plan and Site Safety Plans.</li> <li>4. Deploy scare cannons in heaviest concentrated oil pools.</li> <li>5. Get GPS coordinates of entire effected site.</li> <li>6. Gather required information requested from USCG and LOSCO for in-situ burn approval.</li> </ol>
<b>C</b>	<b>Current Actions:</b>

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	1. Skimming operations. 2. Containment around discharge location. 3. Deploy scare cannons, 03 onsite NLT 17JAN13.
D	<b>Planned Actions:</b> 1. Review of in-situ burn request.

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**6. Current Organization** (fill in additional appropriate organization)

Unified Command

\_\_\_\_\_ Safety Officer

\_\_\_\_\_ Liaison Officer

\_\_\_\_\_ Public Information Officer

Operations Section

Planning Section

Logistics Section

Finance Section

Coast Guard

LOSCO

ORB Exploration

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